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Island Insight

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Army Leader Opens Business Symposium

The Quad Cities area has global importance for the Army and DoD, a top Army leader said in the opening address at the National Defense Industrial Association's 8th Annual Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium here June 3. Gen. Dennis L. Via, commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command told more than 400



attendees that now is the time to become innovative partners in working with the government. "As budgets get tighter under sequestration, as Army's end strength decreases, as our footprint in certain parts of the world decreases, while at the same time, our requirements increase, the U.S. Army's reliance on having the most advanced, effective, and efficient capabilities will become even more important, which is where industry can help," Via said. "Against this backdrop of decreasing resources ... there remains a great need and also numerous opportunities for your companies as we move forward." Via said the symposium put attendees face to face with the government's A-Team -- with

Upcoming Dates

- June 5:** First Friday Social, Lock & Dam Lounge, 4 p.m.
- June 5-7:** Iowa Free Fishing Days
- June 5-8:** Illinois Free Fishing Days
- June 6:** Putnam Exhibit: An Arsenal of Innovation-Grand Opening, Putnam Museum, 10 a.m.
- June 9-11:** DA Photos, Bldg. 56, Basement, 7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.
- June 10:** ASC-DMC Change of Command, Bldg. 390, 10 a.m.
- June 10:** Tenant Senior NCO Meeting, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.
- June 11:** St. Ambrose University Lunch and Learn, Bldg. 56, Room 116, 11 a.m.
- June 11:** RIAWC Installation-wide Scholarship Ceremony, Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse, 4:30 p.m.
- June 11:** AMC Jazz Band, Le Claire Park, Davenport, 6 p.m.
- June 12:** Army Birthday 5K, Quarters One, 6 a.m.
- June 12:** Army Birthday Cake Cutting, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 11 a.m.
- June 13:** "Rock The Island" Car Show, Rodman Avenue, 9 a.m.
- June 13:** 240th Army Birthday Ball, Waterfront Convention Ctr., Bettendorf
- June 13-21:** Quad Cities Museum Week; Arsenal Museum participating
- June 17:** High Five Power Tour, in front of Bldg. 60, 10-12 a.m.
- June 21:** Ride the River, Davenport through Arsenal Island, 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
- June 25:** Retirement & Retreat Ceremony, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 2 p.m.

experts representing the Army in the areas of logistics, sustainment, manufacturing, technology and more. ([More](#))

Factory Commander Reassigned to Joint Post

The Department of the Army has announced that Col. David J. Luders who currently serves as commanding officer of the U.S. Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center (RIA-JMTC) has been selected as a faculty member at the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala. The Army also announced that Col. Luders will be replaced as the RIA-JMTC's commanding officer by Col. Donald K. Wols. Prior to being selected as the Arsenal's 48th commander, Col. Wols served as the Deputy Chief of Staff G-4 (Logistics) for the First Army located on Arsenal Island. "I have been a Soldier my entire adult life and will always answer the call to wherever the nation sends me," Luders remarked. "I have called the Quad Cities home for nearly two years during which I could not have asked for better support from the community. I will truly miss the Quad Cities." ([More](#))



First Army Commander Conducts Town Hall

Staffing in the First Army headquarters and the results of a command climate survey were the top two topics of a First Army town hall held here May 27. First Army Commanding General Lt. Gen. Michael S. Tucker hosted the one-hour event with Soldiers and civilians in the First Army headquarters. "I want to start off the town hall with a quick update on Operation Bold Shift. It's moving at a pretty fast clip," he said. Operation Bold Shift is First Army's initiative to improve the command's ability to provide training support throughout the Reserve Component, even while reducing personnel and units. Currently, First Army has 8,000 staff members, down from 10,000 when Bold Shift began. Two of First Army's 16 training brigades have been deactivated so far this year, with four more scheduled to case their colors this summer. ([More](#))



DoD Notified of OPM Cybersecurity Incident

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management announced today a recent cybersecurity incident affecting its systems and data may have exposed the personal information of current and former federal employees. According to a Defense Department news release, OPM subsequently notified federal government departments and agencies, including the DoD. OPM is notifying approximately 4 million individuals whose personally identifiable information may have been compromised, the release said. The notifications will be sent beginning June 8 and will continue through June 19 by email and U.S. mail. OPM will offer affected individuals credit monitoring services and identity theft insurance through CSID, a company that specializes in identity theft protection and fraud resolution, the release said. This comprehensive, 18-month membership includes credit report access, credit monitoring, identity theft insurance and recovery services and is available immediately at no cost to affected individuals identified by OPM. Employees whose information was affected will receive a notification directly from CSID, the release said. According to the release, DoD employees are encouraged to review the OPM news release for additional information regarding steps to mitigate fraud and identify theft. ([More](#))



OPM to Send Data Breach Notifications to Federal Employees Next Week

The Office of Personnel Management announced Thursday that next week it would begin sending 4 million current and former federal employees notifications that their personal information has been breached in a massive hacking incident that investigators discovered in April. In an announcement posted on its website, OPM said that beginning June 8 and continuing through June 19, the agency will send notifications to the millions of people whose personal data was compromised in the breach. "The email will come from opmcio@csid.com and it will contain information regarding credit monitoring and identity theft protection services being provided to those federal employees impacted by the data breach," OPM said in the announcement. ([More](#))



Army Arts, Crafts Contest Open to Artisans, Craftspeople

The 2015 Army Arts and Crafts Contest is open through July 31 for Morale, Welfare and Recreation, also known as MWR, artisans and craftspeople to submit their handiwork. The Army Arts and Crafts Contest is an annual, juried competition of artwork for novice and accomplished artists, but MWR arts and crafts workshops are open year-round on most installations. Chief Warrant Officer 3 Lisa Stansbury, a former contest winner, used arts and crafts to help overcome the anxiety of returning home from deployment. "Soldiers are predominantly impatient people, especially when it comes to procrastination," Stansbury said. "When we come home from war, it's even more pronounced, and we need help transitioning back into society. Sometimes we need to find things to soothe and calm our spirits. Some Soldiers take up fishing, some write, others go to therapy - all of which demand our patience - or it won't work." ([More](#))



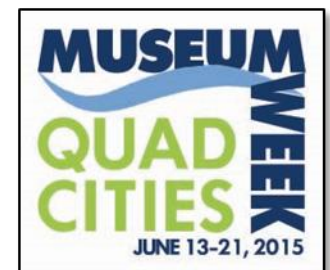
Arsenal of Innovation Exhibit: Grand Opening

The Putnam Museum will be opening early on Saturday, **June 6**, for a public grand opening event. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. with the ceremony beginning promptly at 10 a.m. A color guard, soldier re-enactors, Arsenal military personnel and others will be present for the ribbon cutting of the exhibit. The Putnam is proud to be a Blue Star Museum. All active duty military and up to five family members receive free general admission Memorial Day through Labor Day. This status will be extended to veterans and their families for opening weekend, **June 6-7**.



Arsenal Museum to Participate in Quad Cities Museum Week

The week of **June 13-21**, 21 museums will come together for the inaugural Quad Cities Museum Week. The [Rock Island Arsenal Museum](#), the Army's second oldest museum, will be featuring its new Vietnam War exhibition during Museum Week. View uniforms and clothing worn by Soldiers, along with Viet Cong weapons captured by the U.S. during the fighting. Pictures will also detail both the Vietnam War and the Arsenal's role in it, commemorating the war's 50th anniversary. The Arsenal Museum first opened to the public on July 4, 1905. The primary mission is to collect, preserve, and interpret the history of Rock Island Arsenal and Arsenal Island. By focusing on "People, Processes, and Products," the exhibition tells the story of the people involved in Arsenal Island's history. The



exhibitions also educate visitors about the manufacturing processes used at Rock Island Arsenal, and the military equipment produced at the Arsenal. In addition, more than twelve hundred U.S., foreign, civilian, and military small arms are also on permanent display at the museum. The museum also features a Children's Discovery Room, film room, and a gift shop. Information on the Quad Cities Museum Week participating museums and their events is available at www.qcmuseumweek.com. The website features descriptions of each museum, the events and activities they will be offering, and a printable flyer with a map and museum listings.

First Friday Social (formerly the Island Wide Social)

Join your Island colleagues Friday, **June 5**, at 4 p.m., at the Lock & Dam Lounge (formerly known as the Arsenal Club in Bldg. 60), for a fun evening of appetizers, drinks, networking, and socializing and karaoke. This event is open to the entire RIA workforce and the general public as well. Call 309-782-4372 for more info. ([Flyer](#))



Blood Drives

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the room outside the Lock and Dam Lounge (in Bldg. 60), on **Friday, June 12 and 19, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to e-mail SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at 563-359-5401, ext. 119.



Summer Blood Donors Entered into Drawing for a 2015 Jeep Patriot: This summer, you could win a 2015 Jeep Patriot by giving blood with Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center! It's part of the "Made in the USA" promotion to support the blood supply through the difficult summer months, when the rate of blood donation drops by about 20 percent.

Also, a slight change in that every donor must present photo ID or a blood donor card to be eligible to donate blood. Arsenal badges are acceptable. The Army encourages its employees to volunteer as candidates for any of the variety of medical donor programs, including blood, bone marrow, and organ donor/transplant programs. For additional information [click here](#).

AMC Band Coming to the Quad-City Area

Save the date... Rock Island Arsenal invites you to enjoy a free jazz concert, performed by the Army Material Command Band, at LeClaire Park in Davenport on **June 11**, 6-7:45 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. The AMC Band proudly serves the Soldiers and civilians of the U.S. Army Materiel Command stationed at more than 140 locations worldwide. The band, with its eight music performance teams, travels extensively throughout the country and overseas supporting 30 installations, 26 major tenants, seven Army field support brigades, 11 subordinate commands, and four separate reporting activities within the AMC enterprise. Since November 2003, the band has deployed in support of AMC Soldiers and civilians forward deployed in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. The AMC band has performed in Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Afghanistan and the United Arab Emirates. The band is under the purview of the AMC chief of staff.



RIAWC Installation-wide Scholarship Ceremony

Mark your calendars - the Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club is hosting an Installation-wide Scholarship Ceremony on **June 11**, at 4:30 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse. The ceremony will feature the presentation of several scholarships at one time by RIAWC, National

Defense Industrial Association, Women in Defense, the Association of the United States Army, and the Commissary.

Army Birthday Fun Run

Join MWR bright and early at 6 a.m., Friday, **June 12**, in front of Quarters One, for a 5K fun run in celebration of the Army's 240th birthday. For more info, call 309-782-6787. ([Flyer](#))

Army Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony

After you burn off all those calories during the 5K earlier in the day, come and replace them with some birthday cake at the Cake Cutting Ceremony Friday, **June 12**, at 11 a.m. in Heritage Hall (Bldg. 60). The ceremony will feature live music from the AMC band, come listen to this talented group of Soldiers and help us celebrate the 240th birthday of America's Army. Thanks to our sponsor, Sam's Club Moline for providing the cake. Call 309-782-8603 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Upcoming NCOER Training in EES

The Army Sustainment Command G1 will be facilitating training of the new Non-Commissioned Officer Evaluation Report in the Evaluation Entry System. This training is intended for all units and tenants units on Rock Island Arsenal regardless of component and will prepare personnel for its September 2015 launch. It is mandated by HQDA that every officer, warrant officer, NCO, and DA civilian that rates, senior rates, or processes NCOER's attend and is a reported requirement. The training will include three sessions; a Senior Leader Training Overview for all GOs, SESs, GS-15s, COLs, CW5s and E9s; a hands-on HR training session for all HR professionals, military and civilian, who work in military personnel and/or process military evaluations; and a General Overview for the remainder of the population on RIA. Below are the training dates and locations.

Executive Brief:

Primary-Wednesday, **June 10**, 1 p.m., ASC CG's Conf. Rm., Bldg. 390

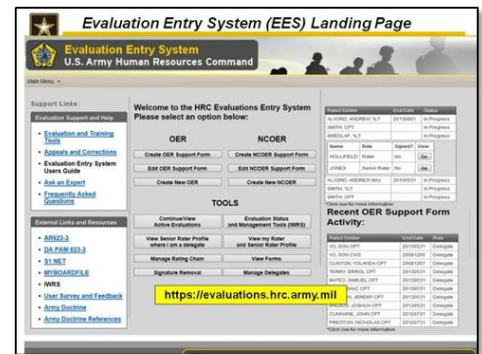
General Brief:

Primary-Wednesday, **June 17**, 1 p.m., Baylor Classroom #3, Bldg. 103

Alternate-Wednesday, **June 24**, 1 p.m., Baylor Classroom #3, Bldg. 103

For more information, contact Capt. Stephanie Thomas at 309-782-0572 or

Stephanie.k.thomas.mil@mail.mil.



Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop & Boutique

The Thrift Shop will be open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, **June 13**, regular hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will close **June 14** for summer break and re-open Tuesday, **July 21**. Thank you for shopping with us. POC: 309-782-6977.

Rock Island Arsenal Award, Retirement & Retreat Ceremony

Maj. Gen. Kevin O'Connell cordially invites you to attend the 3rd Quarter FY15 Award, Retirement & Retreat Ceremony in honor of James Ball, JMC; Leon Baxter, JMC; Mahesh Bett, JMC; Richard Boyle, JMC; Linda Gross, JMC; Lisa Hedrick, JMC; Doug Maddox, JMC; Stephen McDowell, JMC; Bill Metcalf Sr., JMC; Lanolia Neely, JMC Kay Ralston, ASC; Lt. Col. Robert Broughton Jr., First Army; Lt. Col. Vincent Nwafor, ASC; Master Sgt. Brandon Cronise, ASC; and Sgt. First Class David Wirtz Jr., ASC. The ceremony will be held Thursday, **June 25**, at 2 p.m. in Heritage Hall,

Bldg. 60. Uniform for personnel not participating in the ceremony is duty uniform for military and casual for civilian. A sign language interpreter will be available for the hearing impaired.

VIOS Schedule for July, August

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government Passport and Command Photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal on **July 14, 15, & 16**; and **Aug. 4, 5, & 6**. Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA Form 3903 Work Request using the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#) for the available times: 7:20 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" on the [VIOS site](#) for more information. Walk-in appointments are not available. Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 56, basement, by elevator). Priority is: 1. Active Duty Soldier's DA photos; 2. Official Government passport photos; 3. Official command photos; 4. DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 8"x10" head and shoulders - Command Photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in VIOS. All scheduled dates can be found on the [RIA VIOS website](#).

RIA AUSA Annual Golf Outing - Save the Date

Save the Date! RIA AUSA will hold its annual golf outing and fundraiser on Friday, **July 17**. Sponsorship and entry forms will be forthcoming soon. Visit www.ria-ausa.org to keep posted about chapter activities. ([Flyer](#))

Save the Date – 8th Annual Cards for the Troops

Please join us on Tuesday, **Sept. 29**, 6:30-9 p.m., at Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, for the 8th Annual Cards for the Troops. Hand-made rubber stamp art cards are created by hundreds of volunteers under the guidance of local stamping artists for our deployed troops to mail home to loved ones. No stamping experience required. To date, 36,000 cards have been sent through Cards for the Troops to our military serving in Afghanistan, Iraq, Africa, and to those aboard our aircraft carriers, the USS Carl Vinson and the USS John C. Stennis. Seating is limited... please RSVP to: mssipple1@gmail.com. Packagers needed also. Adults only (high school and older). There is no charge for this event. Please bring one roll of Scotch double-sided tape – all other materials supplied. See you there. ([More](#))

Arsenal Island Employee Local Discounts

The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees — **The Venue:** Located at 1405 5th Ave. in Moline, we would like to say thank you to all Rock Island Arsenal personnel – bring in your Arsenal ID/badge on Mondays and receive a 20 percent discount on food and soda (this excludes family feast special). **New Life Chiropractic Clinic:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off its services located at 2500 18th Street in Bettendorf. **Chocolate Manor:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off their total purchase on any of our award winning homemade chocolates at 110 E. 2nd St., Davenport, just show your ID. **Roosters Sports Bar and Grill:** All military and civilian's get 10 percent off their bill. Come head down for lunch at 2130 3rd St., Rock Island, new specials daily. **Peachwave Frozen Yogurt:** Peachwave, 3431 Devils Glen Rd., Bettendorf, offers a 10 percent discount every day to all military and veterans. *This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*

Arsenal Traffic/Construction



"Rock The Island" Car Show Impact to Arsenal Island Traffic & Parking June 13

Rodman Avenue will be closed starting at 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. from East Street to Gillespie Street on Saturday, **June 13**, for the "Rock the Island" Car Show. Traffic will be re-routed down East Street to North Avenue then back up Gillespie Avenue. On the same day and the same times, parking lot 3-O (north of Bldg. 339) and the small lot northeast of 339 will be closed for the Sports Car Club of America's car rally being held in conjunction with the Car Show.

Parking Lot 2E and Buffington Street Closures

Parking Lot 2E, located North of Bldg. 220, and access to Flagler St. from Rodman Ave. are planned to be closed for repair beginning April 15 for about eight weeks. Pedestrian access to the JMTC facilities through the turnstiles and gates in this work area will also be closed. Immediately following the parking lot completion, Buffington St., from Rodman Ave. to Parking Lot 3H (parking lot west of Bldg. 350) will be closed for repair. Work on Buffington St. is anticipated to last about six weeks. Western traffic is encouraged to use North Ave. and Whittemore St. Eastern traffic is encouraged to use North Ave. and Gillespie St. Short duration, one lane closures on Rodman Ave. may occur near Buffington St. during this work time. Signs and barricades will be used to warn traffic and close areas during repair.

Parking Closure Near Bldg. 64

Effective March 1 through Wednesday, **July 1**, the Directorate of Public Works will begin replacing the roof on Bldg. 64. Parking along the west side of the street (3rd street) will be closed **April 17 through July 1**. During these closures fencing, barricades, and signage will be positioned, as required. Timeframes may be extended depending on weather related issues.

Rock Island Viaduct Sidewalk Closed to Pedestrians

"Sidewalk Closed" signs have been erected at either end of the Rock Island Viaduct sidewalk. These signs were placed because of the tripping hazard that the condition of the sidewalk presents. Attached illustration indicates the suggested alternative route (STR276 American Discovery Trail and Pedestrian Bridge) during the closure.

Building/Space Closures



Power Outage Notification Buildings 108, 109, 110, 112

The Directorate of Public Works will be conducting a power outage for buildings 108, 109, 110, and 112 on Sunday, **June 14**, 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. The purpose of this outage is to perform annual electrical maintenance.

Active Duty/Reserve Zone



Army to Field Operational Camouflage Pattern for Uniforms

If you can't see it, you can't attack it. Since the conflicts of the 18th century, that's been the thinking behind military camouflage. Today, when it's applied to their uniforms, it can save Soldiers lives. That fact has driven the Army's decades-long efforts to improve its camouflage patterns. The next step toward greater Soldier protection comes July 1, when the Army begins to make the Operational Camouflage Pattern available for the Army Combat Uniform in select Military Clothing Sales Stores. The pattern will replace the current Universal Camouflage Pattern. The UCP has been used for the past decade. The transition period for the pattern will extend from July 1, 2015 to Sept. 30, 2019. The entire Army will be in the Operational Camouflage Pattern by Oct. 1, 2019. New Soldiers will receive ACUs with the pattern beginning in January 2016. ([More](#)) ([StandTo!](#))



Thousands of Troops Will Receive Compensation for Student Loan Overcharge

Thousands of service members will start receiving checks of up to \$100,000 in June to compensate them for improper overcharges on their student loans, the Justice Department announced. The federal government sued student loan manager Navient Solutions for allegedly violating the Service Members Civil Relief Act over the past decade by charging troops more than the 6 percent cap on interest rates mandated by the law. The law limits to 6 percent the interest charged to service members on debt, including student loans, incurred before military service. Navient used to be part of Sallie Mae, which is also part of the settlement. Nearly 78,000 service members will receive checks ranging from \$10 to \$100,000, with an average payout of \$771, Justice said. The checks will be mailed out on June 12. "Check amounts will depend on how long the interest rate exceeded 6 percent and by how much, and on the types of military documentation the service member provided," a department press release stated. ([More](#))

USO Discovery Kids "EdZoocation" at the Niabi Zoo

USO of Illinois-Rock Island is bringing the [USO Discovery Kids](#) initiative to the area for EdZoocation at Niabi Zoo, Saturday, **June 27**, at 10 a.m. The event is open to active duty, National Guard and Reserve families. Registration will be online approximately two weeks before the event on the USO of Illinois' website under [Tickets for Troops](#).

Military children face special challenges with frequent moves and missing parents who are training or deployed. The USO of Illinois' specially designed Discovery Kids Program provides year-round educational, recreational, and cultural events and programs designed to lift the spirits of our little warriors. Catering to quality family time, the Discovery Kids Program provides critical opportunities to reconnect and in some cases, therapeutic healing. We work together with our like-minded organizations and partners to create experiences that inspire, educate, entertain, dazzle and delight children of all ages. Our Discovery Kids offerings can include the building of terrariums at the Chicago Botanic Garden, backstage tours and actor meet and greets at local theaters, day trips to museums or local zoos, and much, much more!



Bix 7 Road Race Waves Entry Fee

The [Bix 7 Road Race](#), **July 25**, in Downtown Davenport, again this year is honored to be able to wave entry fees for active duty military, guard and Reserve. Complete the [printable entry form](#), enter your military ID number where indicated and mail your entry to us. You must pick up your packet in person at the Bix 7 Expo and show your military ID. Last year several hundred military, guard and reserve participated. Additionally, last year the Bix committee was able to establish two distinctive viewing areas for veterans. The starting line saw several honor flight participants, while the top of Brady and Kirkwood had a large contingent representing the Vietnam veterans. The 41st Anniversary is shaping up to be another great event and we're excited to show our continued appreciation to the military. ([Entry Form](#))

Putnam Museum is a Blue Star Member Institution

The Putnam is now one of more than 2,000 museums across America to offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and the Department of Defense. Any active duty military personnel including National Guard and Reserve, and up to five family members, receive free admission to the Museum and Science Center **Memorial Day through Labor Day**. "We are honored and excited to be able to bring this program to our Quad Cities Military families," said President and CEO Kim Findlay. "Through our participation in the Blue Star Museums program, we are able to show our continued support for all our active military and thank them for their hard work and sacrifices." Leadership support has been provided by MetLife Foundation through Blue Star Families. The program provides families an opportunity to enjoy the nation's cultural heritage and learn more about their new communities after a military move. The complete list of participating museums is available at arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums.



Brides Across America Celebrates Independence Day By Giving Away Free Wedding Gowns Nationwide

Brides Across America is proud to kick off its annual Operation Wedding Gown campaign at participating bridal salons nationwide. From **July 11-18**, in honor of Independence Day, qualified military brides can go into a participating salon and receive a free wedding gown. "Operation Wedding Gown" has grown and we are now able to grant weddings to our military couples in need. Oftentimes military couples find it difficult to plan their "fairy tale" wedding due to deployment, injury and/or economic hardship. With the collaborative effort, Brides Across America has donated more than 14,000 gowns to military brides and has gifted 20 weddings. More information can be found at www.bridesacrossamerica.com.

Military 4-H Scrapbooking SPIN Club

Explore, Engage, Innovate... the world of scrapbooking. Take photos you have and create a scrapbook that will last a lifetime. Each month youth will learn a new scrapbooking technique and create a page. Snacks will be at each meeting. Eligibility includes military youth, ages 12-18. This program will meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month, **Feb. 18 to Dec. 16**, 5:30-7 p.m., in the Cassion Room, in Bldg. 60. Cost includes a supply fee of \$20; non-4-H members add a \$20 program fee (fee waivers available upon request). [Register online today!](#) Or for more information call the University of Illinois Extension, Rock Island County 4-H Office at 309-756-9978.

University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate call 309-756-9978 at least two weeks in advance.

Safety Spotlight



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National Safety Month

National Safety Month, sponsored by the nonprofit National Safety Council and observed each June, offers Army leaders a prime opportunity to energize their accident prevention efforts and engage their Soldiers on safety. The annual event is endorsed and recognized as an official Army observance by senior Army leadership. The U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center (USACRC) launches an Army-wide campaign each June, to mark National Safety Month. Media products supporting the month, including feature articles, posters and informational videos, are made available on the USACRC home page. Materials typically focus on different aspects of safety in the Army, including civilian injury prevention, ground operations, aviation operations and driving. All products are available for electronic download by individual users, who may then reproduce or broadcast the information as required to meet their unit's needs. ([More](#))

2015 Off-Duty Safety Awareness Presentation

Our goal is to assist you in making every Soldier and civilian employee aware of the off-duty hazards they face and to let them know that they are the key to the solution in preventing the next accident and needless loss of life. This is the link for the [Annual Off-Duty Safety Awareness Presentation](#). To view this presentation, just select the "Click Here" to review the slides. Warning: These presentation contains some graphic material. We hope that the information contained in this presentation will assist you in making the best choices in managing your everyday risk. Thanks for all you're doing, each and every day, for our Soldiers, Family members, and our Army. I appreciate your support of safety. Have a safe summer. Army Safe is Army Strong!

Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



Annual Employee Self-Identification of Disability, Race and Ethnicity

Accurate data is significant to ensuring appropriate planning, resourcing, monitoring, and statistical reporting of Equal Employment Opportunity programs. The Garrison EEO Office requests and encourages employees to access the automated tool MyBiz, <https://compo.dcpds.cpmc.osd.mil>, and review personal data to ensure its accuracy. Employee action by **June 1** is requested. Employees may update disability, ethnicity, and race information in MyBiz. Employee step-by-step instructions for viewing and updating these data elements are attached. Furnishing of disability, ethnicity, and race information is voluntary and does not impact your employment. Self-identification is used for statistical purposes only. The information entered in MyBiz is covered by the Privacy Act of 1974. Employees may direct questions regarding the collection and reporting of disability, race, and ethnicity to the Garrison EEO Office at 309-782-1488 or DSN 793-1488.

Morale, Welfare & Recreation



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Visit the MWR website at www.riamwr.com for information on all MWR programs.

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Volunteers Needed For "Rock The Island" Car Show

MWR is in need of volunteers who would like to assist with the 2nd annual "Rock The Island" Car Show on Saturday, **June 13**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. You can volunteer for an hour or two or the entire day. Please contact Jim Mettlin at the MWR Auto Craft Shop, 309-782-8631.

"Rock The Island" Car Show

Rock Island Arsenal's 2nd annual "Rock The Island" Car Show will be held on Rodman Ave. from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, **June 13**. Vehicle registration is \$15/vehicle. This fun, family event is free to attend and open to the public, so please share with all your automotive enthusiast friends. Register online at: <http://tinyurl.com/RIA-CAR-SHOW-2015> Call 309-782-8631 for more information. ([Flyer](#))

High Five Tour

Help support Wounded Warriors and their families Wednesday, **June 17**, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., in front of Bldg. 60, by stopping in to see the mobility equipped Ford Explorer as it makes its way across the United States. Everyone is invited to sign the car with a message of encouragement and/or donate to the cause. When the car is finished touring the country it will be auctioned off and the proceeds will go to Wounded Warriors and their families. ([Flyer](#))

Paintless Dent Repair Tech at the Auto Shop

Back by popular demand, Wednesday, **June 24**, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., the paintless dent repair technician will be available for repairs. If you have small dings, dents and other imperfections in your vehicle it may be possible to have them fixed without the excessive costs of more traditional body work. Call 309-782-8631 for more information and to schedule an appointment.

MWR Leisure Travel Office



Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bldg. 333. The office is closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., 309-782-5890. ([email](#)) ([website](#))

The Sound of Music

This Tony Award winner for Best Musical provides one of the most thrilling and inspirational finales ever presented in theatre. Enjoy such timeless classics as "Do-Re-Mi," "My Favorite Things," "Climb Every Mountain," and more. Leisure Travel has discounted seats available until **June 12** for \$46.

Date: **Saturday, June 27**

Time: **5:45-9 p.m.**

Outdoor Recreation's Annual Maquoketa River Canoe Trip

Pack a picnic lunch, bring the kids and dog and join Outdoor Recreation for a leisurely canoe trip on the Maquoketa River in Monticello, Iowa, on Saturday, **July 11**. Participants must preregister and pay with Outdoor Recreation. For complete details call 309-782-8630.

Time: **9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Cubs vs. Cardinals Bus Trip

MWR Leisure Travel has a Cubs vs. Cardinals bus trip scheduled. Cost will be \$99 per person to include transportation and ticket to game. Seats are located in Upper Deck Box Outfield. Departing from RIA at 6 a.m. from the COL Davenport Pavilion. Limited alcohol permitted on chartered bus. Coolers must fit under the seats and not block the aisle. No glass bottles. No smoking permitted on motor coach. Estimated return time will be 8 p.m. ([Flyer](#))

Date: **Saturday, Sept. 19**

Time: **12:05 p.m.**

Discount Amusement Park Tickets and More at Leisure Travel

Memorial Day is the unofficial kick off to summer and Leisure Travel has discounts on all kinds of summer activities. Whether you are looking to book a cruise, need help finding a hotel, or just want to ride the rides at Adventureland or Six Flags Great America, Leisure Travel is the place to start. Call 309-782-5890, stop by the office in Bldg. 333 (next to the PX), or [visit our webpage](#) for more info and prices.

Disney LIVE! Three Classic Fairy Tales

Join Mickey, Minnie, Donald and Goofy as they take audiences on a captivating journey and magically bring to life three timeless fairy tale adventures. Discover Snow White as she searches for her one true love; Cinderella getting ready for her magical night at the ball; and Belle, from Beauty and the Beast, as she finds happiness in the most unusual place. Anchored amidst a transforming set, captivating choreography, innovative lighting and breathtaking costumes, this authentically-woven tale of "happily-ever-after" is a heart-warming Disney experience for the entire family. Children One & older need a ticket. Leisure Travel has discounted seats for both performances. Show times at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Seats on sale until **Oct. 9**.

Date: **Friday, Oct. 16**

2015 Adventureland Tickets

Leisure Travel has discounted 2015 admission tickets on sale. Gate price for Adult is \$40; Child is \$35; MWR is \$32. Two years and under free admission.

Davenport Cinemark 53rd 18 + IMAX Theatre

Leisure Travel is selling Platinum Supersaver Prepaid Admission Tickets to Davenport Cinemark 53rd 18 + IMAX theatre (formally 53rd cinemas and RAVE cinemas) These tickets have no restrictions or expiration date.



Soccer and Flag Football Coaches

RIA Child, Youth & School Services is looking for soccer and flag football coaches for the upcoming seasons. Soccer will be for children Prek-4th grade and Flag Football for K-5th grade. Games/practices will be on the Rock Island Arsenal and at Two Rivers YMCA weeknights this fall. Some of the Benefits to becoming a coach:

- Free Sport Specific Training
- Free National Alliance for Youth Sports Certification
- Head Coaches children can participate at no cost
- Assistant Coaches may have one child participate at no cost and additional children at discounted rate.

If you are interested in becoming a coach or would like to find more information please contact Tim Hernandez at timothy.c.hernandez2.naf@mail.mil or 309-782-0511.

Covenant Cottage Child Development Home

Covenant Cottage Child Development Home is available for backup, emergency, and hourly care for ages four weeks through 12 years. The home is located on post and is open from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Army Family Covenant Guidelines state deployed Soldiers are entitled to 16 hours free respite childcare per child, per month. For reservations call 309-782-6793. We encourage you to call as far in advance as possible because spaces fill quickly.

Army Community Service



ACS is located in Bldg. 110, 1st floor SE; [Visit our ACS website](#) or phone 309-782-0829. Call ahead for special accommodations when attending ACS classes. [Find us on Facebook click here](#). 24/7 Sexual Assault Hotline: **309-229-8412**.

Employee Assistance Program

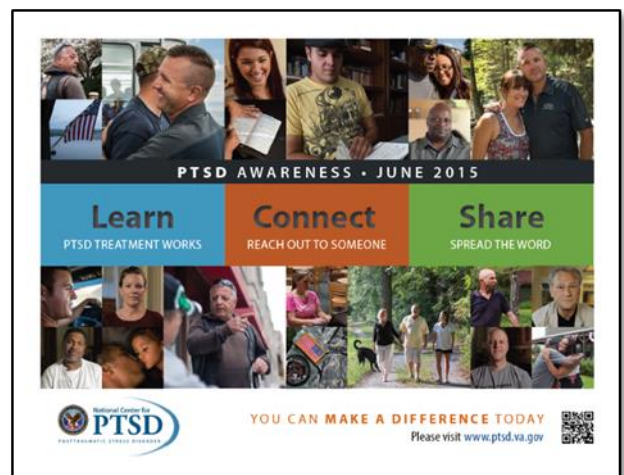


ASAP/EAP is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor; visit our [ASAP/EAP website](#) or phone 309-782-4357 or 309-782-HELP. Office hours are from 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. After Hour Emergencies: 309-782-6116. Rock Island Arsenal Emergency Services will contact an EAP counselor who will call you back promptly. [Find us on Facebook click here](#).

June is PTSD Awareness Month

The National Center for PTSD promotes awareness of PTSD and effective treatments throughout the year. Starting in 2010, Congress named June 27th PTSD Awareness Day (S. Res. 455). For the second consecutive year in 2014, the Senate designated the full month of June for National PTSD Awareness (S. Res. 481). Efforts are underway to continue this designation in 2015. Following trauma, most people experience stress reactions but many do not develop PTSD. Mental health experts are not sure why some people develop PTSD and others do not. However, if stress reactions do not improve over time and they disrupt everyday life, seeking help to determine if PTSD is a factor is important. The purpose of PTSD

Awareness Month is to encourage everyone to raise public awareness of PTSD and its effective treatments. We can all help those affected by PTSD. ([More](#))



National Men's Health Month – June 2015

The month of June is designated as National Men's Health Month. The purpose of this campaign is to heighten awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men. If you are like many men, you may drink alcohol occasionally. Or, like others, you may drink moderate amounts of alcohol on a regular basis. But did you know that drinking more than the moderate levels -even occasionally- may put you at risk for serious health problems? Although alcohol affects everyone differently, excessive drinking can negatively affect a man's health regardless of age, race, marital status, income level, profession, or lifestyle. Common medical problems that can be caused by excessive drinking include heart disease, arthritis, liver cirrhosis, high blood pressure and various cancers. In support of National Men's Health Month, the

Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program invites you to take advantage of the free and confidential counseling services that the program has to offer. Schedule an appointment with an EAP counselor by calling 309-782-4357. Master-level counselors can provide information, short-term counseling, and referral services. If you have any concerns about your alcohol use or mental health, talk it over with a trained professional at the EAP. You can also access an anonymous screening at www.militarymentalhealth.org.

Real Colors Training

The RIA Employee Assistance Program is presenting a Real Colors workshop on **June 16** and **July 7**, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., in Bldg. 56, First Floor, Classroom #1. Want to enhance your communication skills? Real Colors offers you a peek into human personality. It will provide you with a better understanding of human behavior and help you recognize, accept and learn to value the differences in others. Real Colors has proven to be an effective tool to increase understanding, empathy and effective communication in the workplace. Sign up in [TEDs](#) (search key word "Real Colors") or for more information contact Lori Griffin at 309-782-2551.



The Rock Island Army Education Center is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, west end of the building. Office hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. Phone: 309-782-2065 Fax: 309-782-7901. [Please visit our website to learn more.](#)

Save the Date for Annual Commencement Recognition Ceremony

Save the Date! ACES Rock Island Education Center will once again host its annual Commencement Recognition Ceremony on **Sept. 1**. All Soldiers that have earned a degree this fiscal year, are encouraged to contact our office to ensure that you will be recognized for your outstanding achievement at 309-782-2065.

St. Ambrose University Lunch and Learn

St. Ambrose is hosting informative lunch-n-learn sessions to learn how you can take advantage of special tuition rates available for MBA students. In support of our military and civilian personnel on the Arsenal, SAU offers special pricing at a fraction of the regular tuition rate for MBA students. The event will take place **June 11** in Bldg. 56, Room 116, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., or 12-1 p.m. A light lunch will be provided. Priority will be given to military personnel. RSVP NLT **June 9** to reserve your seat. Call 563-333-6170 or leonardmichelem@sau.edu. The Garrison POC is [Michelle Beck](#), at 309-782-0965.

Area Schools to Visit RIA

The [Army Continuing Education Systems Rock Island Arsenal](#) is coordinating with Quad-City area schools to have them visit with eligible Ed Center patrons where they will meet with school representatives and learn about educational opportunities in the Quad Cities. These visits will take place in Bldg. 56, Room 121, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The schedule for this fiscal year is: • Ashford University, **July 23**; • Black Hawk College, **July 9**; • Eastern Iowa Community College, **July 2**,

Aug. 6 and Sept. 3; • Kaplan University Aug. 13; • Saint Ambrose University, July 16; • Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, Aug. 20; • Upper Iowa University Aug. 12.

Defense Commissary Agency / Exchange



The [Rock Island Commissary](#) and the [Exchange](#) are for active duty military and retirees only. There are exceptions for select items (mainly consumable) at the Exchange that can be purchased by Arsenal Island employees with ID. The Commissary makes fresh fruit baskets daily for you! Shopping for someone who has everything? Problem solved. They are hungry for fresh fruit. Just buy them a fruit basket and relax. Ask our friendly staff to make you one or order one in advance. Check out local specials and get POC information [HERE](#). For information on this and other Commissaries, visit: www.commissaries.com ([Facebook](#))

Exchange Opens Earlier, Serves Breakfast

The Exchange located on Rock Island Arsenal began opening at 7 a.m. Oct. 1. Also effective Oct. 1, the Exchange began featuring heat-and-eat breakfast items at the front of the store. "We will be running these hours for two months to make sure that there will be demand to be open at 7 a.m.," said Carl Wolfe, store manager, Rock Island Exchange. "We are really hoping with the Exchange having an entire new 'Heat and Eat,' that we will cater to the Soldiers coming on the Island in the morning and we know a lot of them have PT in the mornings and this will give them a chance to grab something before they go in the office for the day." The new open-to-close store hours are 7 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; and 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The "Heat and Eat" items being sold in the mornings will include: Breakfast Tornados, Breakfast Deli Express sandwiches, Cappuccino, and coffee, Roller Bites, and Breakfast Style Pizza. The Exchange will also have a lunch menu to include: Tornado's, Deli Express hot and cold sandwiches, hot dogs, Polish sausage, jalapeno sausage, Roller Bites, egg rolls, and pizza. In addition, the Exchange will also have microwavable meals, soup, and Asian noodles for sale all day long.



Arsenal Archive



Information for the Arsenal Archive is made available by the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The Museum is open to the public, Tuesday through Saturday, 12-4 p.m. Closed Sunday, Monday, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free. ([website](#))

History Comes Alive for Pioneer Days at the Colonel Davenport House

The third annual Pioneer Days at the Colonel Davenport House on Arsenal Island expands to two days this year on **June 13-14**. There is an overnight encampment of fur trader re-enactors, called a Buckskinners' Rendezvous, with pioneer portrayals demonstrating hatchet and knife throwing, and craft demonstrators such as wood-working, chair caning, spinning, quilting, basket making, rope

making, and campfire cooking. There are also historical re-enactors and activities/demonstrations from the Belgian Lace-makers, Buffalo Bill Museum, Moline Preservation Society, Rock Island Arsenal Museum, River Share Library, and more. Larry Lockwood will do a demonstration at 1 p.m. on Saturday on drum and a recitation on the Indian influence of the pioneer era. Lockwood is a member of the Northern Cheyenne tribe and also belongs to the Native American Coalition of the Quad Cities. Vendors available will be Dickey's BBQ with sandwiches, fries, and drinks; and Stan's Ice Cream. Pioneer Days hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, **June 13** and 12-4 p.m. on Sunday, **June 14**. Tours of the Colonel Davenport House included. Admission is \$10.00 adults for 13 years and over; free 12 and under. For more information, visit their website at www.davenporthouse.org. Plan to spend the day on Arsenal Island on the Mississippi Riverbank, just like George Davenport's family did when they lived there.

Get Ready for Some Fun During Quad Cities Museum Week June 13-21

Twenty museums from across the Quad Cities region will come together for the first ever, Quad Cities Museum Week. Enjoy this celebration of our region's museums and participate in special activities, exhibits and promotions during this fun-filled week. It is the perfect opportunity for

families and friends to get out and explore. Each museum features its own, unique theme, history, galleries, and exhibits. Come and discover these wonderful gems that add to the quality of life in our region. We encourage you to tweet and post on your Facebook page about your Museum Week experiences. To find out more about Museum Week, please visit www.qcmuseumweek.com.



This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – June 1-7

On June 4, 1984, the protestors failed to shutdown the RIA on "Project Disarm" day. The last of 100 Mark VIII Tanks assembled at the RIA was completed June 5, 1920. The order for 100 tanks was completed in 286 days. On June 6, 1898, the RIA commander received an order to procure from private contractors 10,000 additional outfits of cavalry and horse equipment. The Spanish-American War had caused a critical demand for equipment. On June 7, 1871, Gen. Thomas Rodman, "Father of the RIA" died. He died while in the midst of completing his grand plan for the RIA. On June 8, 1871, the first iron casting made at the RIA was for the iron columns used in the construction of Shop C (Bldg. 104).



Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic Physicals

From **June 1 through June 12** we will have a pediatrician in the Clinic. If eligible individuals need a school or camp physical done, please call immediately to be scheduled for these appointments. The Clinic appointment line 309-782-0865. Parents – we will be unable to do any school or camp physicals from **June 15** through the end of the month. Please plan accordingly and come prepared with any forms that require completion.

Prevention, Early Detection Can Improve Men's Health

American men are at risk for living less healthy and shorter lives than American women. According to the Men's Health Network, this risk may be a "silent health crisis" in the United States and is also one that we can act on. There are several reasons that men may be at higher risk for sickness and death than women. For example, a report by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that women are 100 percent more likely to visit the doctor for annual exams and for services to support health than men. Men are also more likely than women to smoke cigarettes, to die in motor vehicle accidents and experience other preventable events. According to the Men's Health Network, for younger men, much of the difference comes from increased risk-taking and suicide). Society also often does not promote healthy behaviors for boys and men. ([More](#))

Recipe for a Good Night's Sleep: Get Ready To Take On the Day

Are you ready to take on the day? Sleep is a necessity--just like food, water and air. Sleep is essential to good health, emotional well-being and performance. Without enough sleep, everyone is at increased risk for:

- Motor vehicle accidents
- Increased obesity, diabetes and heart problems
- Increased risk for psychiatric conditions including depression and substance abuse

Numerous studies have shown that not getting enough sleep may lead a person to:

- React slower
- Have trouble focusing and paying attention
- Get easily confused
- Have trouble remembering new information
- Get stressed more easily
- Make more mistakes and make poor judgments

When Soldiers do not get enough sleep, their ability to judge is diminished. Diminished judgment causes bad tactical decisions, which leads to critical errors such as falling asleep at the wheel, recognizing a threat or reacting too slowly to it. ([More](#))



Notes for Veterans



VA to Conduct Nationwide Series of Events to Celebrate Women Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will conduct a series of one-day events to raise awareness and celebrate the stories of women Veterans. The events, to be held in five locations across the country, will provide an overview of services and benefits available to women Veterans. Experts will be available to answer Veterans' questions, and exhibitors will share information on their many resources. "We have found that our women Veterans often put the needs of others' first," said Elisa Basnight, Director of VA's Center for Women Veterans (CWV). "We encourage them to make themselves a priority, to learn about the benefits and services which they've earned through their dedicated service. We are bringing our experts to them, where they are." VA staff, as well as local community supporters and agencies that assist women Veterans, will be available for face-to-face interaction. All VA facilities are encouraged to participate in activities to celebrate and honor the women who answered the nation's call. ([More](#))

Around the Q.C.



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June 5: [National Contract Management Association Trivia Night](#) (Knights of Columbus Hall, 1111 W 35th St., Davenport)

June 5-6: [Rhubarb Festival](#) (Aledo, Ill.)

June 6: [Opening Day of Putnam Exhibit: An Arsenal of Innovation](#) (Putnam Museum)

June 6: [QC Pridefest](#) (Downtown Davenport)

June 12-13: [Gumbo Ya Ya](#) (The District, Rock Island)

June 13: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In Carshow](#) (4-9 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimberly Road)

June 13-21: [Quad Cities Museum Week](#) (Greater Quad Cities)

June 15: [YSB-Whitey Verstraete Memorial Golf Outing](#) (Pinnacle Country Club, Milan, Ill.)

June 17-20: [Rally on the River](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)

June 20: [9th Annual Healthy Living Fair](#) (next to the Freight House, 421 W. River Drive, Davenport)

June 20: [2nd Annual Micro Brew Mile & 6K Road Race](#) (Moline)

June 21: [Ride the River Bike Ride](#) (Mississippi River bike paths, Iowa & Illinois)

June 25: [Metropolitan Youth Program Trivia Night](#) (Stern Center, 1713 3rd Ave., Rock Island)

June 28: [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Butterworth Center, Deere family homes, Moline)

July 3: [Red, White & Boom!](#) (The District, Rock Island & Downtown Davenport)

July 4: [Firecracker Run & Parade](#) (Run starts at 7:30 a.m. with the parade at 1 p.m., East Moline)

July 4: [Bettendorf Old-Fashioned 4th of July](#) (parade at 10 a.m.)

July 6-12: [John Deere Classic PGA TOUR](#) (TPC Deere Run golf course, Silvis, Ill.)

July 9-11: [Walcott Truckers Jamboree](#) (Iowa 80 Truckstop, Walcott, Iowa)

July 11: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (6-9 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimberly Road)

July 11: [Rally in the Valley Cruise-in](#) (Coal Valley, Ill.)

July 15-19: [Rock Island County Fair](#) (Fairgrounds, East Moline)

July 17: [Rock Island Arsenal Chapter AUSA Annual Golf Outing](#) (Arsenal Island Golf Course)

July 18: [7th Annual Bark in the Park 5k Fun Run/Walk](#) (Geneseo City Park, Geneseo, Ill.)

July 24-25: [Downtown Street Fest](#) (2nd Street in downtown Davenport)

July 25: [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)

July 30-Aug. 2: [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (RiverCenter/Adler Theatre, Davenport)

Aug. 4-9: [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport)

Aug. 6: [Freedom Run 5k](#) (Moline)

Aug. 7-8: [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)

Aug. 8: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (6-9 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimberly Road)

Aug. 13-15: [Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa & Port Byron, Ill.)

Aug. 15: [Graduation Destination, Take the Journey, Finish It!](#) (River's Edge, 700 W. River Drive, Davenport)

Aug. 15: [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)

Aug. 28-29: [River Roots Live](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Aug. 28-30: [World Series of Dragracing](#) (Cordova Dragway, Cordova, Ill.)

Sept. 4-7: [Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, downtown Davenport)

Sept. 5-6: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)

Sept. 5-7: [Labor Day Weekend Pow Wow](#) (Black Hawk State Historic Site, Rock Island)

Sept. 12: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, downtown Davenport)

Sept. 12: [QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show](#) (John Deere Pavilion, Moline)

Sept. 12: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (6-9 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimberly Road)

Sept. 12-13: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Sept. 18-19: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)

Sept. 19: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

Sept. 19-20: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Village of East Davenport)

Sept. 27: [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (downtown Moline)

Sept. 25-27: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Kennedy Square, East Moline)

Oct. 10: [Trinity Quad Cities Classic Regatta](#) (Mississippi River in Moline)

Oct. 10: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (3-6 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimberly Road)
Oct. 11: [Apple Fest](#) (Downtown LeClaire, Iowa)
Oct. 29: [Fright Night](#) (The District, Rock Island)
Oct. 24: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Village of East Davenport)
Nov. 20-29: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
Nov. 21: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Nov. 21: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons](#) (Downtown Moline)
Dec. 4-6: [Heartland Emergency Response Conference Expo](#) (QCCA)

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